

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: IMPACT ABSORPTION TYPE  
STEERING COLUMN APPARATUS FOR  
AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE (SHOCK ABSORBING  
STEERING COLUMN DEVICE FOR VEHICLE)

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

Prior to the commencement of continued examination,  
please amend the above-identified patent application as  
indicated below.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.